

I. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously Presented) A method for PTT private calls for users in a wireless communications network, comprising:

- selecting a called party private identification for a private call by a calling party on a mobile device;
- selecting a PTT function on the mobile device;
- transmitting a SIP SUBSCRIBE including the calling and called parties private identifications to request a speech token;
- redirecting the SIP SUBSCRIBE to a PTT Server for purposes of removing the calling party and the called party from a multicast group;
- receiving an acknowledge message that includes a speech token;
- communicating speech packets from the calling party to the called party in a half-duplex manner;
- transmitting a SIP SUBSCRIBE to release the speech token; and
- notifying the calling and called parties that the group's speech token is available.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[26]] 36 wherein the transmitting the calling party information uses a SIP NOTIFY message.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[26]] 36 wherein the transmitting the calling party information uses an INFO message.

29. (Original) The method of claim 26 wherein notifying the calling party that the group's speech token is available includes sending a response to the SIP SUBSCRIBE that requested releasing of the private-call speech token.

30. (Original) The method of claim 26 wherein notifying the called party that the group's speech token is available includes sending a SIP INFO.

31. (Original) The method of claim 26 wherein notifying the called party that the group's speech token is available includes sending a SIP NOTIFY.

32. (Original) The method of claim 26 wherein notifying the calling and called parties that the group's speech token is available includes multicasting to the calling and called parties a pre-stored tone from the PTT Server.

33. (Original) The method of claim 26 further including:
reinstating the calling party and the called party as part of the group upon termination of the private call.

34. (Original) The method of claim 33 wherein reinstating the calling and called party as part of the group includes restoring the IP addresses of the parties' mobile devices to the group's multicast group.

35. Canceled

36. (Previously Presented) A method for PTT private calls for users in a wireless communication network where the users are registered as members of a multicast group, comprising:
entering a called party private identification for a private call by a calling party on a mobile device;
transmitting the calling and called parties' private identifications by pressing a PTT button on the mobile device;
redirecting the called party private identification to a PTT Server, the PTT server operable to temporarily remove the calling party and the called party from the multicast group;
transmitting calling party information to the called party from the PTT Server;
communicating directly from the calling party and the called party.